

21 TODAY - HAVE A DRINK ON US!

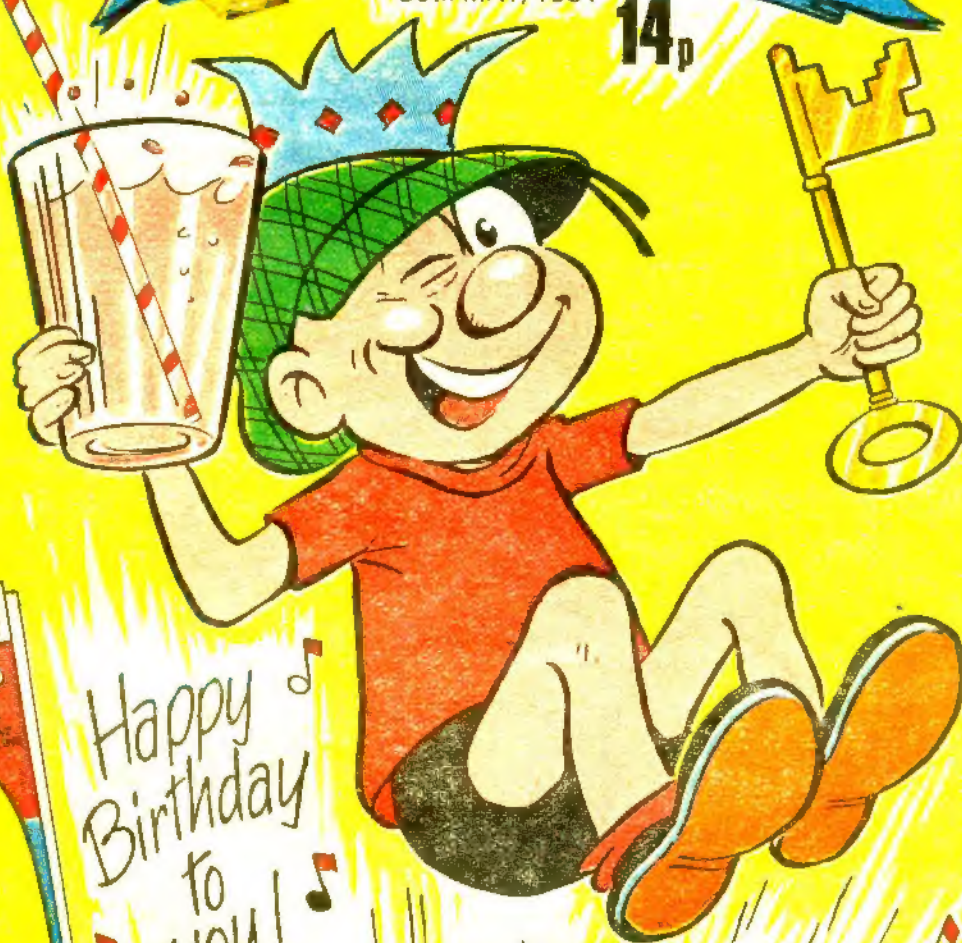
We regret that this gift
cannot be included for
overseas readers.

BUSTER

CELEBRATION ISSUE

30th MAY, 1981

14p



The BIG FIZZY drink by
Swizzels Matlow LTD

PLUS in No 1 OF A SMASHING NEW PAPER

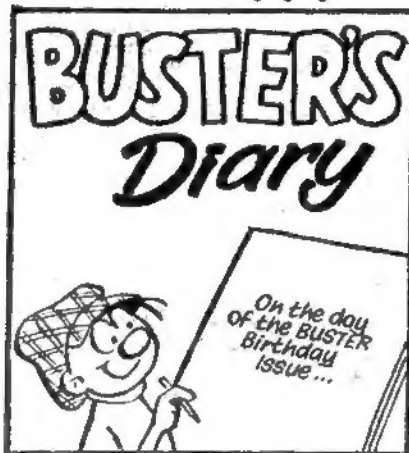
BUSTER
Andy Capp

**PART 1 OF A 4-PART PULL-OUT
MINIATURE 1st ISSUE OF BUSTER!**
IT'S A COLLECTOR'S ITEM!

Happy Birthday
to you!

LOTS MORE INSIDE!

A Happy Birthday Issue to all our readers from Buster!



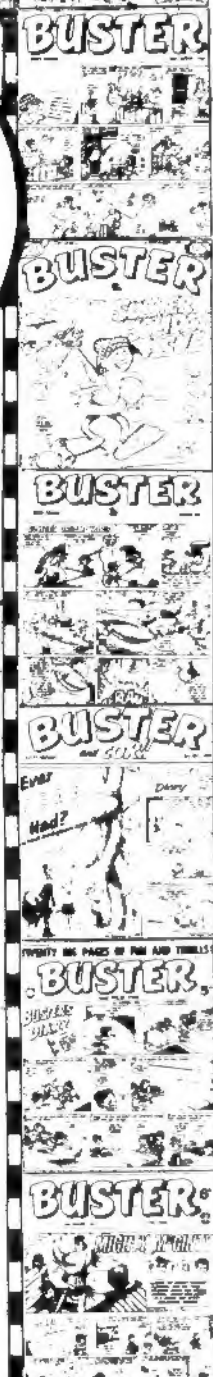


**We're
21 Years
OLD!**

It's a great day, and we've had good wishes sent in from readers all over the world — even as far away as Poland! AND from some Mums and Dads who were readers of 'Buster' when THEY were young. 21 years of 'Buster' comics — it's really something to celebrate. "Thank you" for your support through the years!

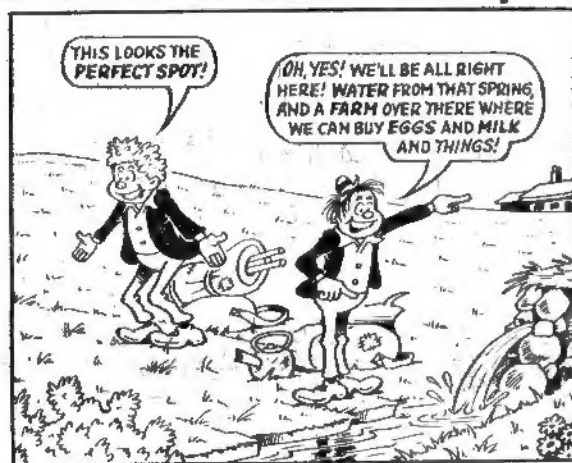
And here's news of our Birthday (treasure chest) Competition. Keys have been despatched to the following 21 readers, and they will be opening their treasure chests this week (more news about this very soon!)

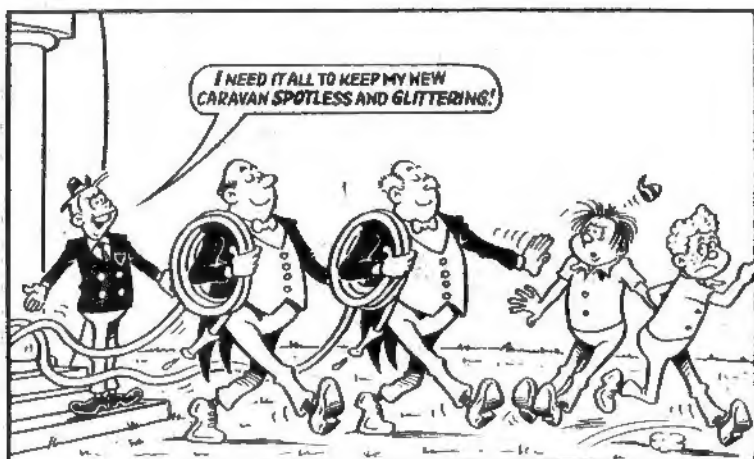
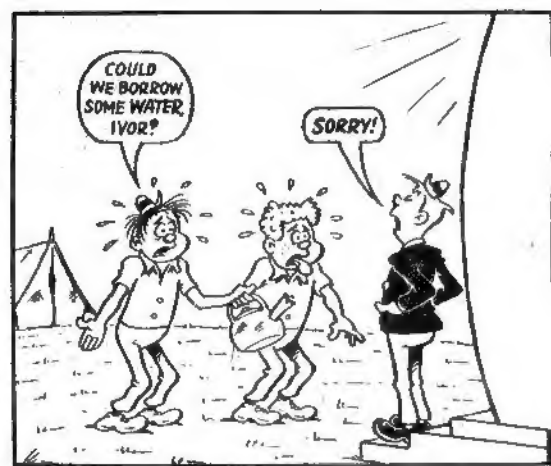
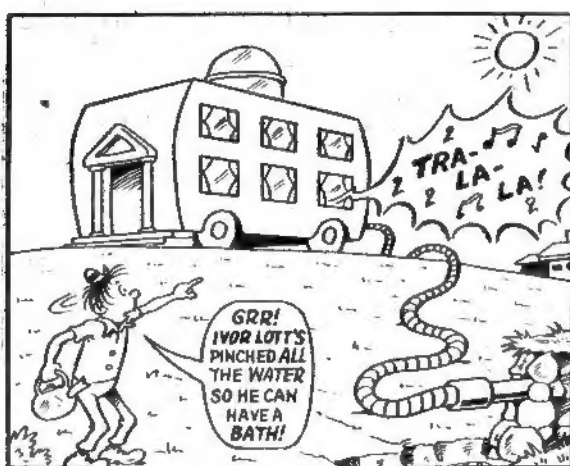
The winners are: Darren Taylor, Sittingbourne; Graeme Wilson, Bushey Heath; Kirsten Elcoat, Guisborough; Peter Lindsey, Rotherham; Nicholas Berry, Church Lench; Sean Ellis, Houghton Regis; Christine Mair, Cullercoats; Derek Blackmore, Basildon; Neil Hotchkiss, Waterlooville; Michella Mangan, Liverpool; Nicholas Booth, Ashby-de-la-Zouch; Tara Humphries, Sevenoaks; Robert Peat, Cambridge; Kenneth Burton, East Kilbride; Martin Richards, Adamsdown; Gillian Spencer, Altrincham; Fiona Chaloner, Farnborough; William Cochrane, Co. Down; John Stickley, SW11; Peter Stock, Richmond; Helen Williams, Bristol.



'Lotts' of good wishes to BUSTER Comic on its 21st Birthday!

IVOR LOTT and TONY ABROKE





Billy Farmer says: "Well done, Buster! Let's have another 21 years!"

The Leopard from LIME ST.

13-YEAR-OLD BILLY FARMER HAD AN AMAZING SECRET! AFTER BEING MAULED BY A RADIO-ACTIVE LEOPARD, HE HAD DEVELOPED THE SPEED, STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF THE MIGHTY JUNGLE CAT. HE WAS, IN FACT, HALF BOY-HALF LEOPARD! ONE MORNING, AT BILLY'S LOCAL SCHOOL IN THE TOWN OF SELBRIDGE ...

THE GAME'S UP, KLAWS!
THIS IS THE... SHOWDOWN!
AARRR-RRILLG! I'M...
COMING FOR YOU,
CREEP!

140X170
285
171

WHAT ON
EARTH...?
WHAT DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE
DOING,
BOY?

TAKE... THAT!
GRRROWRRRL!

RECKON HE
DOZED OFF
DURING THE
LESSON, MR.
GLEESON! HE'S
DREAMING!

BILLY WAS DREAMING, ALL RIGHT!
ONCE AGAIN, IN THE GUISE OF THE
INCREDIBLE **LEOPARDMAN**,
HE WAS RE-ENACTING HIS
RECENT BATTLE WITH THE
EVIL CONRAD KLAWS,
A CRIMINAL MASTER-
MIND...

WAKE UP,
LAD... **WAKE**
UP!

SOUNDS
MORE LIKE
A 'CAT-NAP'
TO ME!

UUUURRLLL?

BILLY, STILL HALF-ASLEEP, FORGOT WHERE HE WAS!

SNAARRGH!

AAOWWW!
LEGGO...!

UUUH? MR
GLEESON!

THAT'S RIGHT,
YOU... YOU **CRAZY**
LITTLE HOOLIGAN!
HOW DARE YOU BITE ME
ON THE WRIST! DO YOU
THINK I'M A... A
BONE, OR SOME-
THING?

NO, SIR... I- I MEAN,
OF COURSE... THAT'S
IT! I- I WAS DREAMING
THAT I WAS A DOG,
SIR, AND YOUR
ARM WAS MY
BONE!

HA! HA!
HAAA!

STUPID
LITTLE
TWIT!

WELL, HERE'S
SOMETHING ELSE TO CHEW ON!
YOU'RE BANNED FROM GAMES
PERIODS FOR THE
NEXT TWO WEEKS
... AND THAT
INCLUDES THE
**CRICKET TRIAL
MATCH!**

WH-WHAAT?

BUT NOW I WON'T BE
ABLE TO PLAY— WHICH IS
ONLY FAIR ON THE OTHER
KIDS! WITH MY **SUPER-
STRENGTH** AND **AGILITY**
I WOULD HAVE WALKED
INTO THE SCHOOL
TEAM!

SECRETLY,
BILLY WAS
DELIGHTED!
THAT MORNING,
IN ANOTHER
MOMENT OF
FORGETFUL-
NESS, HE HAD
STARTLED THE
OTHER CHILDREN
BY PULLING OFF
A FANTASTIC
CATCH...

AND HIS RETURN
THROW TO THE WICKET HAD
DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES
FOR A PASSING TEACHER!

BUT MR HOPGOOD, THE
NEW ASSISTANT GAMES
MASTER, HAD BEEN
DELIGHTED...

I'M
ORGANISING
A GRAND CHARITY
MATCH— SCHOOL
VERSUS PARENTS!
WITH SKILL LIKE
THAT, YOUNG
FARMER, I SHALL
EXPECT YOU TO
TAKE PART IN THE
TRIAL MATCH THIS
AFTERNOON...

OLD GLEESON
DID ME A FAVOUR,
REALLY! MISSING THE
TRIAL MATCH WILL GIVE
ME A CHANCE TO CATCH
UP WITH THE WORK
ON THIS MONTH'S
ISSUE!

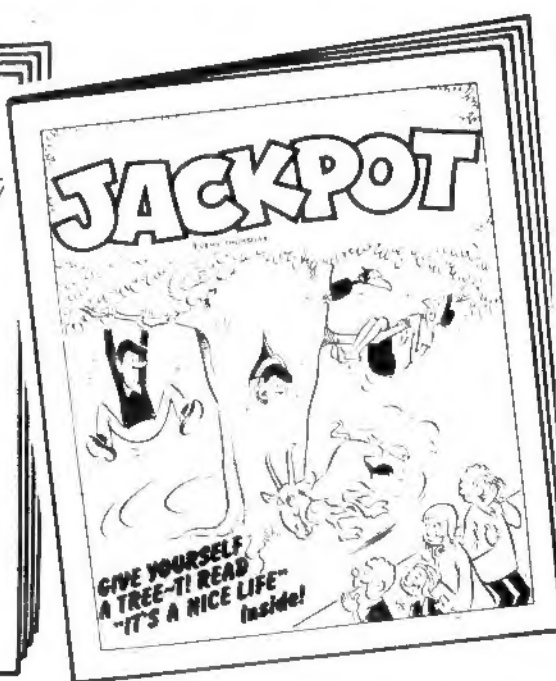
BILLY WAS ALSO THE EDITOR OF 'FARMER'S WORLD',
THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE... AND, AFTER THE LUNCH BREAK...

CONTINUED OVERLEAF

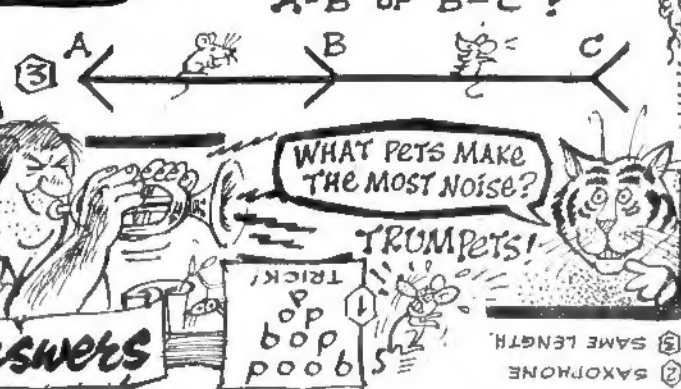
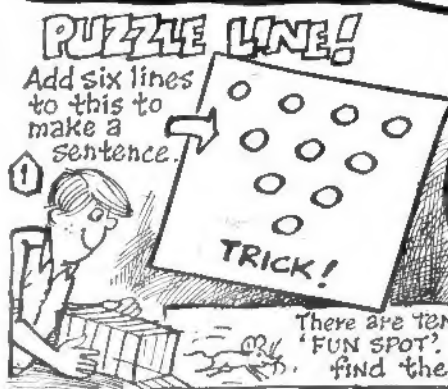
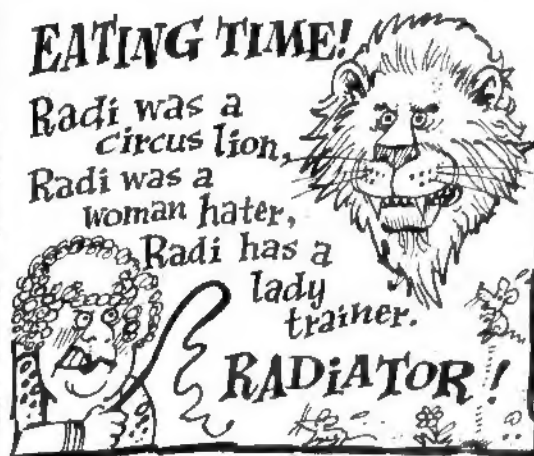


What will happen on the cricket field? See next week's exciting episode!

CONGRATULATIONS TO BUSTER...



...from its companion fun papers!



This is your chance to be a cartoonist for BUSTER! Read on...



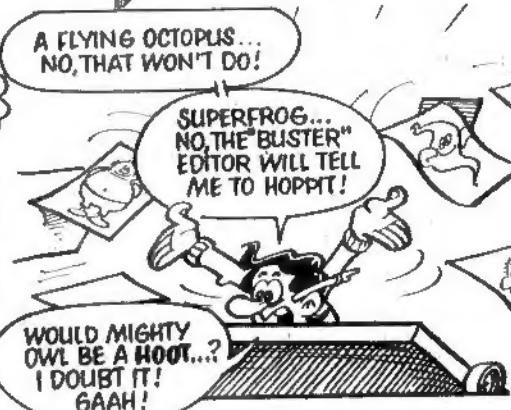
DID YOU KNOW... FUNNY CARTOON CHARACTERS IN COMICS ARE THE BRAINCHILDS OF SCRIPTWRITERS?



A FLYING OCTOPUS... NO, THAT WON'T DO!

SUPERFROG... NO, THE "BUSTER" EDITOR WILL TELL ME TO HOPBIT!

WOULD MIGHTY OWL BE A HOOT...? I DOUBT IT! GAAH!



I'VE JUST GOT TO THINK UP A NEW CHARACTER FOR "BUSTER!"



I'LL TRY SOME OUT ON READERS! YES, THAT'S IT...!



GOOD, EH, LADS? HE CAN TWIST INTO ANY SHAPE!

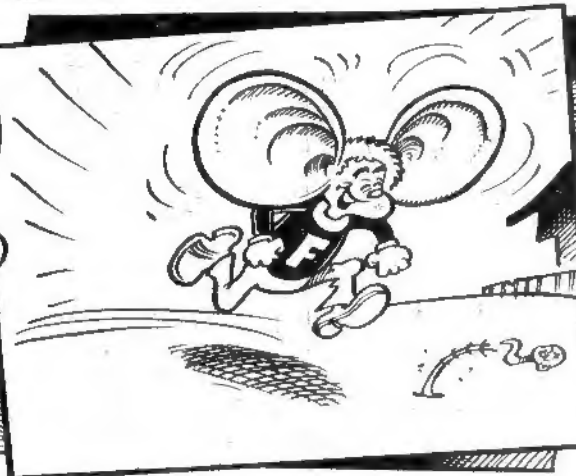
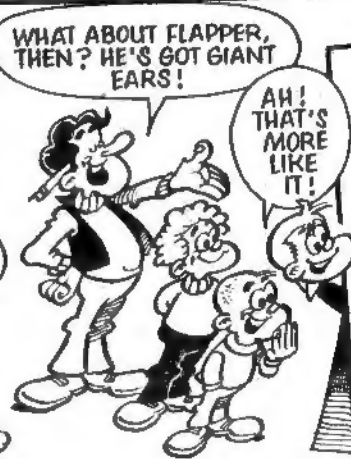


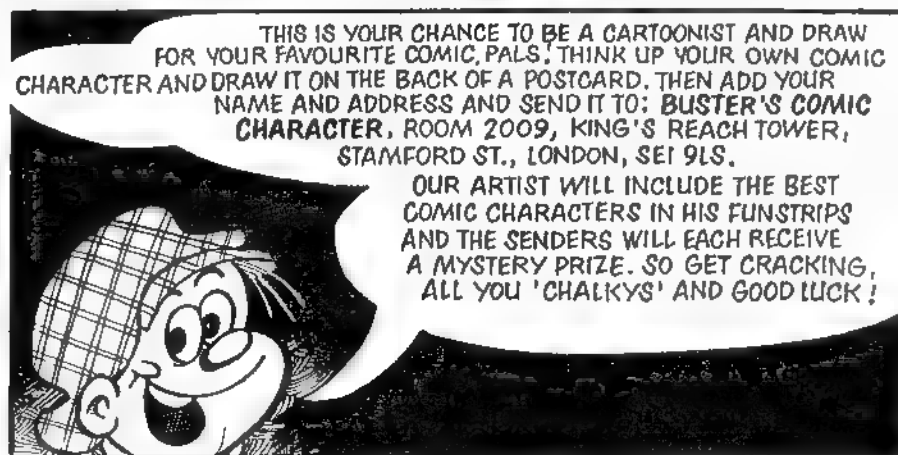
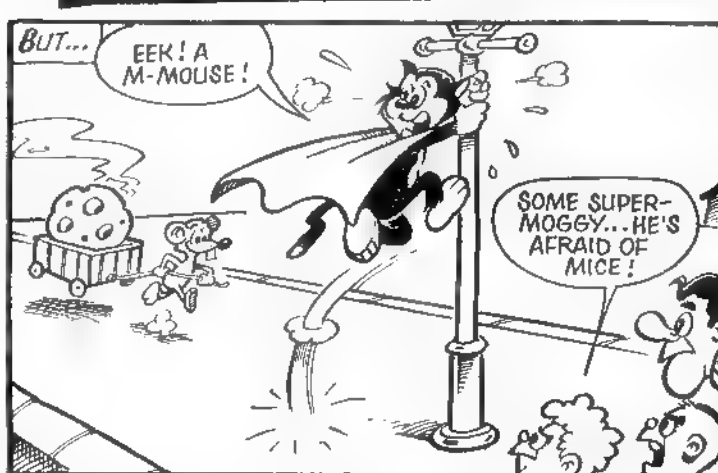
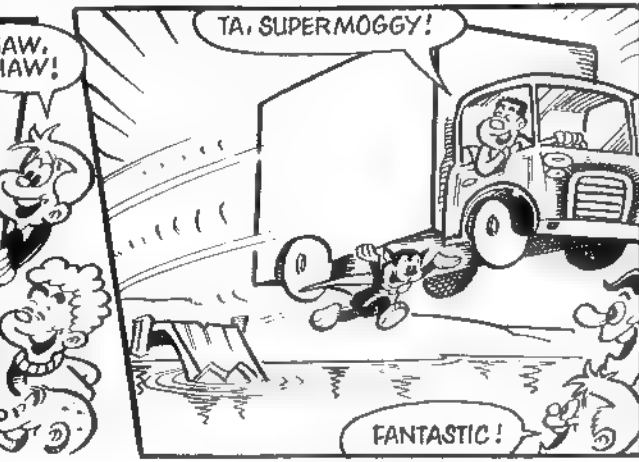
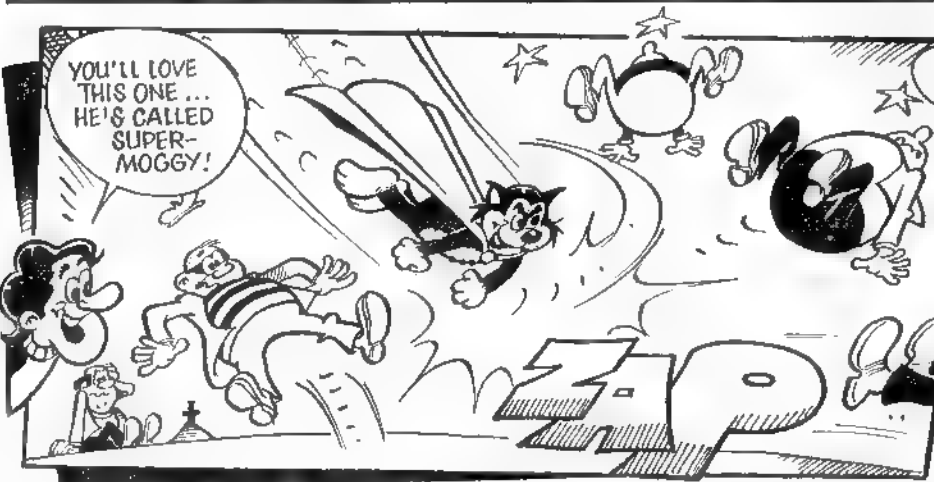
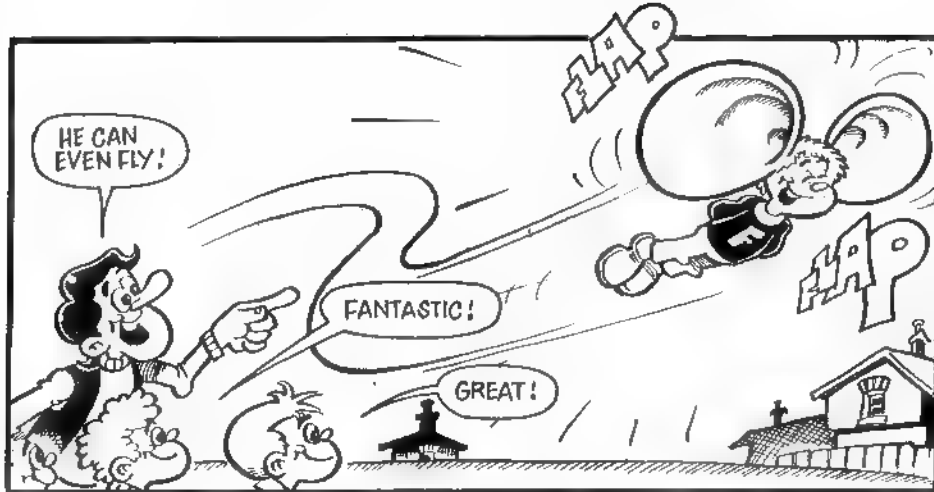
WHAT ABOUT FLAPPER, THEN? HE'S GOT GIANT EARS!

AH! THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!

RUBBISH! HE'S NO GOOD!

PAH! HE'S GONE ALL FUNNY!





ACTION

man

SHOOTING STARS

FREE COMPETITION

ENTRY FORM

HOW TO ENTER

How many Stars do you get on Action Man packs?
A visit to your toy shop should help you find out.
For example, if you think you get 10 Stars on a Solar Hurricane write 10 in the Star next to Solar Hurricane, then fill in your answers to the other five

Space Patroller
Outfit



Solar Hurricane



Helipack &
Space Walk



Space Arms



Police Motorcycle



Command Centre



Now complete the tiebreaker sentence in
ten words or less (in block capitals)
"ACTION MAN is my star toy because

NAME
(Block Capitals)
ADDRESS

BUS

AGE

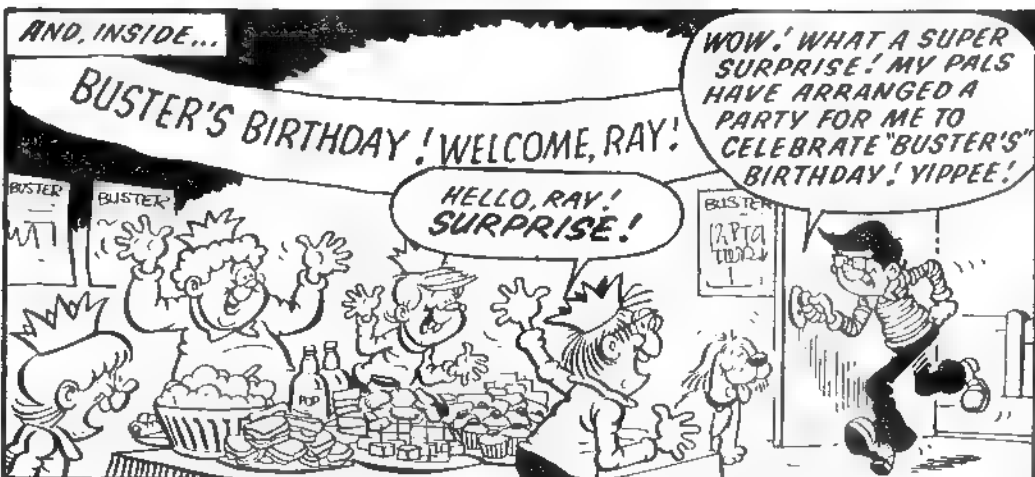
Fill in your name, address and age. Then post, together
with a stamped self-addressed envelope (for your poster
and Star Collector Card), to:
Palitoy Action Man Shooting Stars Competition,
Consumer Services Dept., Coalville, Leicester LE6 2DE,
to arrive on or before 30th June 1981.
DON'T FORGET TO ENCLOSE A STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED
ENVELOPE FOR YOUR FREE POSTER AND STAR CARD!

RULES

1. The competition is open to all UK residents aged up to 12, except children of employees of The Palitoy Company and anyone directly concerned with the competition.
2. Entries must be received on or before 30th June 1981.
3. All entries received will be examined and prizes awarded by a panel of judges whose decision shall be final and legally binding. No correspondence can be entered into.
4. All entrants sending in a completed entry form and S.A.E. will receive an Action Man poster and a Star Collector Card.
5. Winners will be notified by post. A full list of prize winners will be sent on request after 30th June 1981.
6. Full competition rules available upon request.

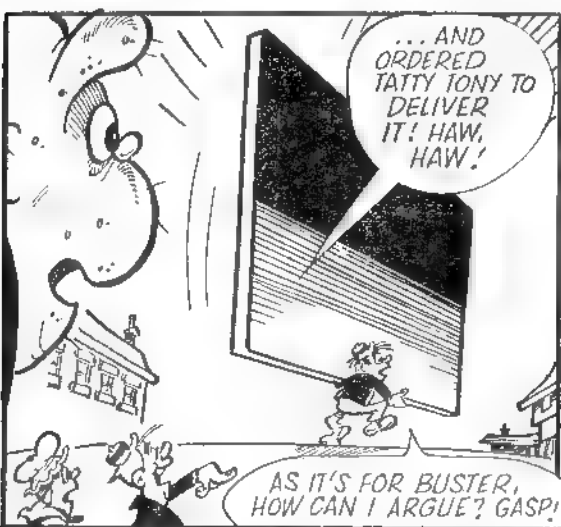
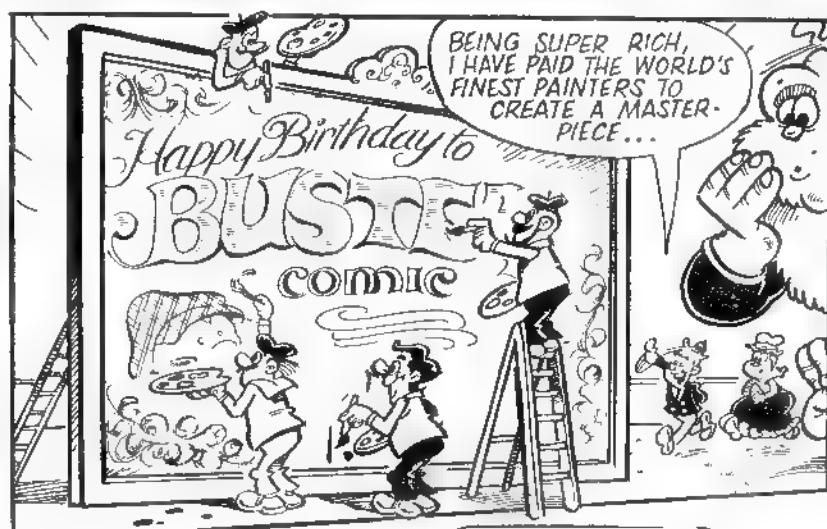
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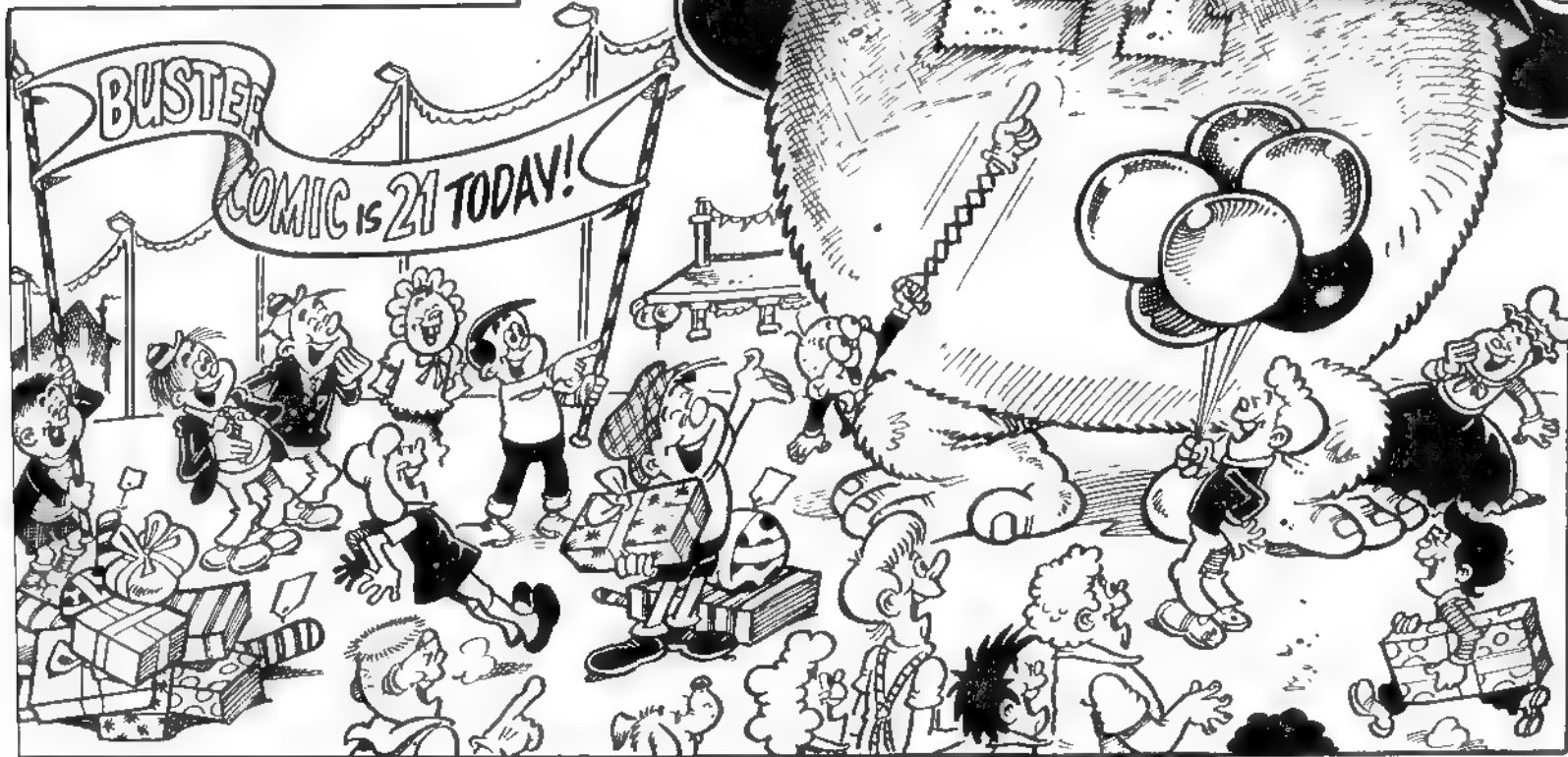
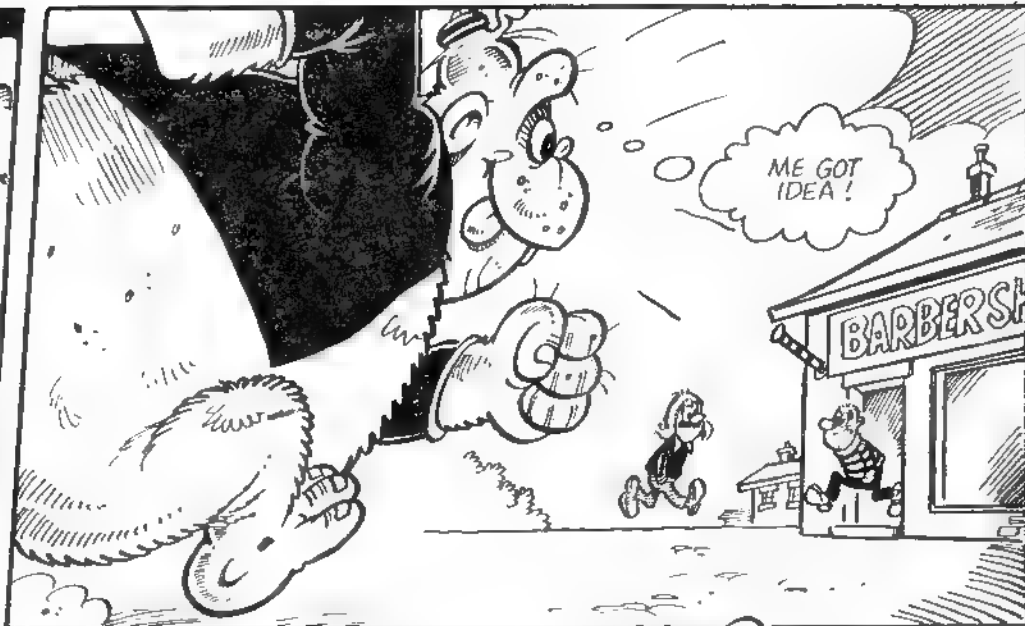
You don't need my specs to see this is a Special Birthday Issue, pals!



Is a BIG Year one that goes on and on forever? Kid wants to know

KID KONG

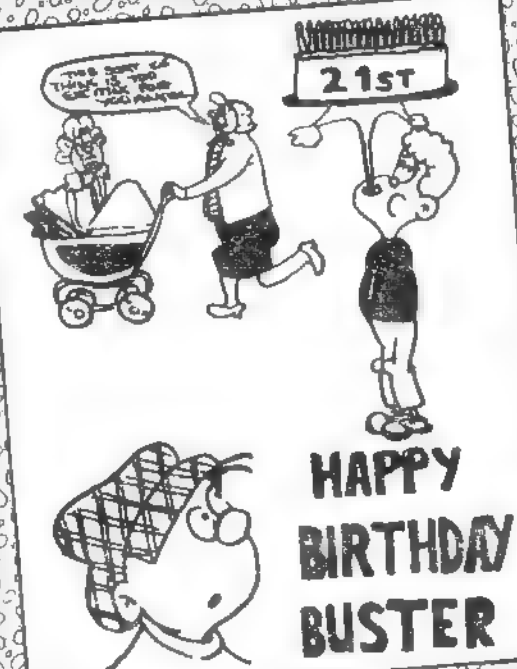




Birthday Card Winners

A big THANK YOU to all those readers who sent us birthday greetings! We had so many wonderful cards we would have liked to make EVERYBODY a winner! It wasn't easy, but at last we managed to sort out the 21 cards we felt were designed the best. Here they are. The top ten will each receive two super colour sets by Berol. Eleven runners-up will be sent one pack.

These Berol colour sets for 10 readers!



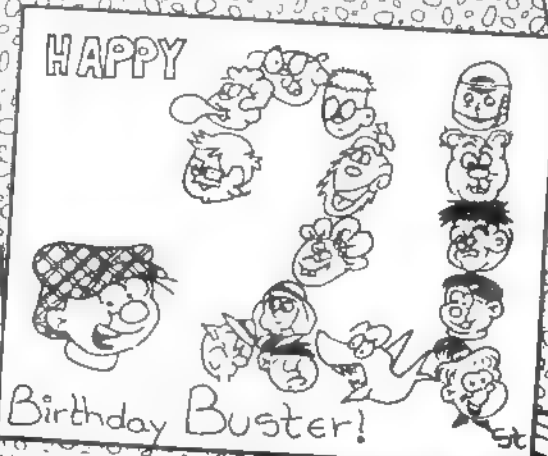
Karen Nightingale, Eastbourne.



Gerard Mallen, Limerick City



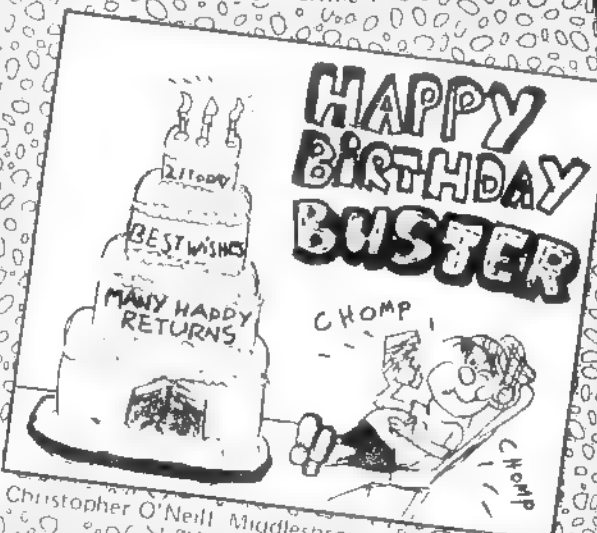
Nicola Pratt, Lower Tuffley



H.J. Chambers, Coalville



Patrick Lalor, Bordesley Green



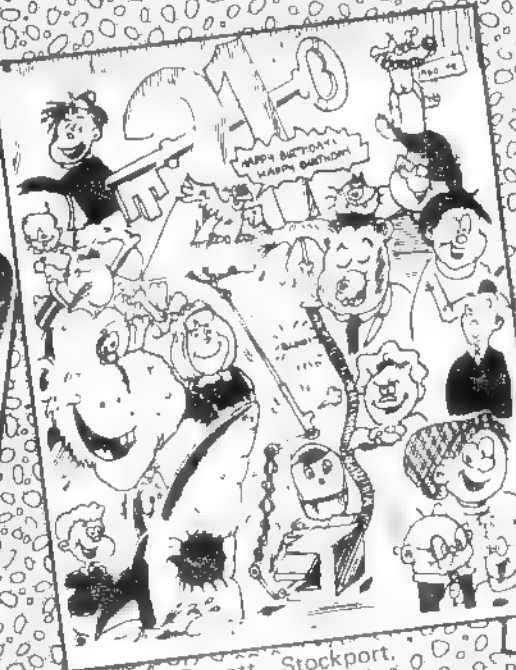
Christopher O'Neill, Middlesbrough



Guy Taylor, Oldland Common



Lena Hayward, Sheppey



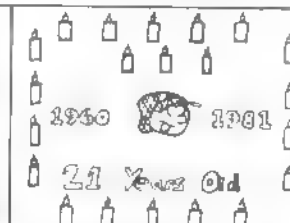
Jonathan Parrott, Stockport.



Paul Hammacott, Chichester.



Sandra Smyth, Bailleborough



Rachel Kitvington, Wallasey



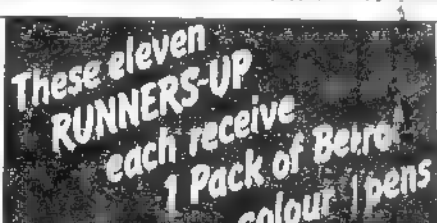
Charlotte Steel, Northwood



Jonathan Simpson, Duxford.



Helen Craggs, Hesse.



Mark Hewes, Fishbone.



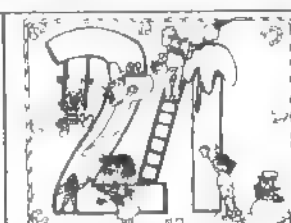
Laure Flint, London SE 16.



Justine Griffin, Welwyn Garden City.



Uma Zubairu, Longsight.

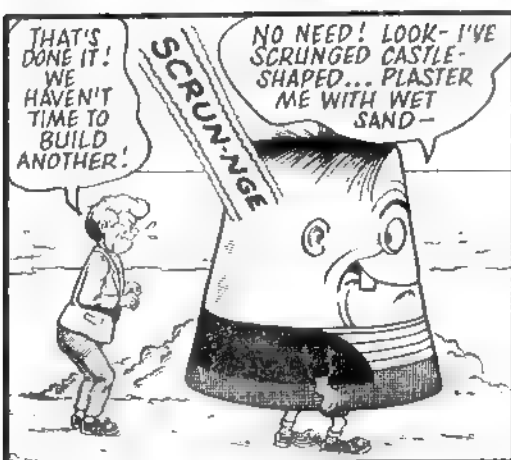


Karen McCreanor, Ramford.



Jennifer Rampling, Northfleet

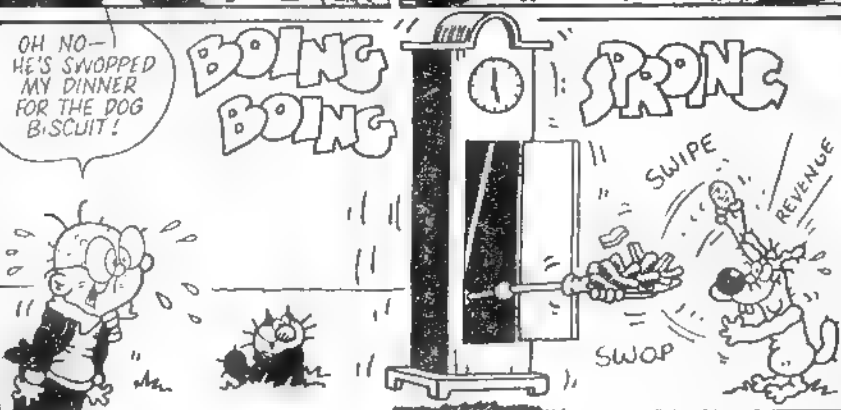
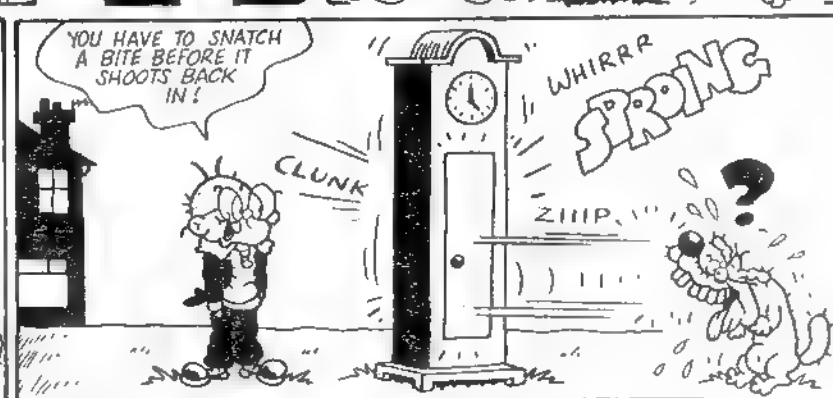
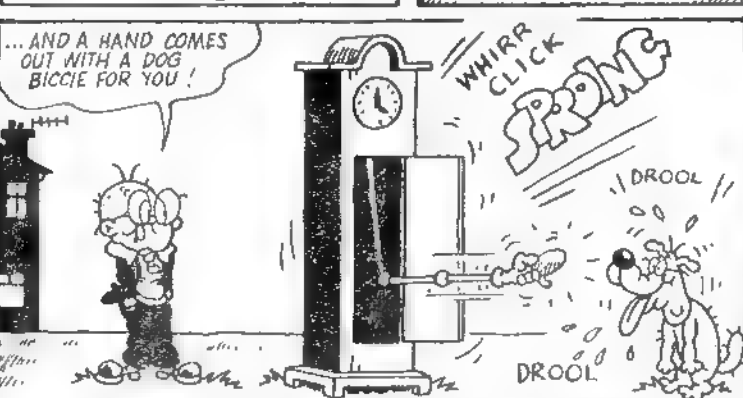
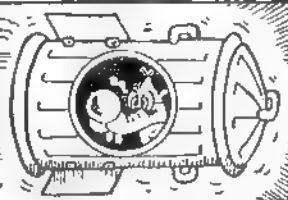
Faceache was working on a Birthday scrunge but it smashed the mirror!



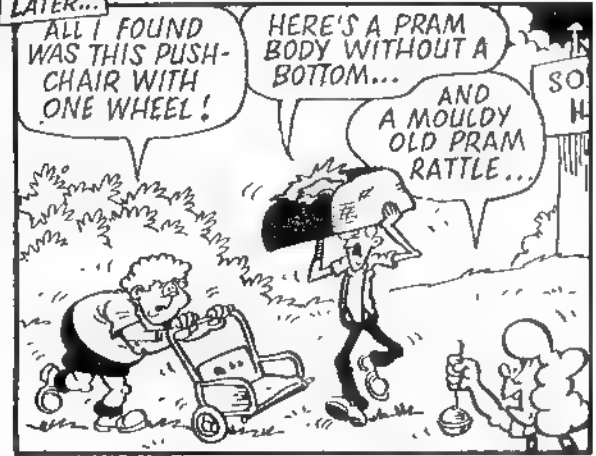
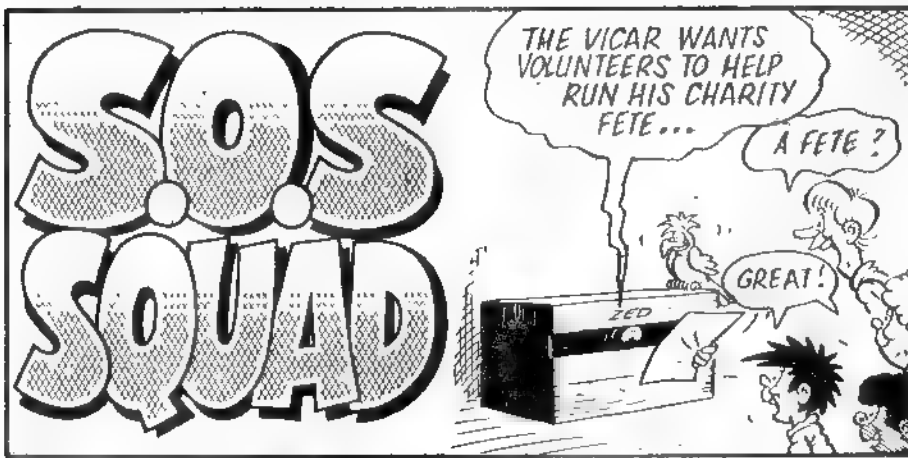
"1960 saw a great invention," says Clever Dick – called **BUSTER!**"

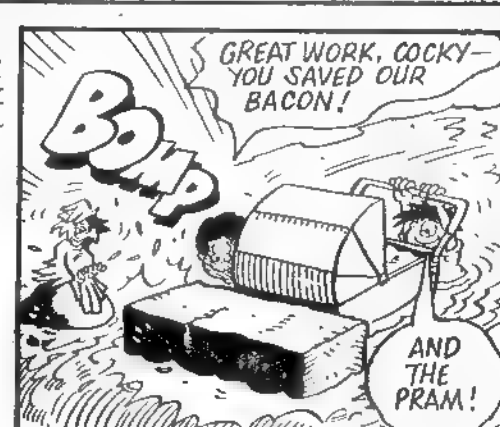
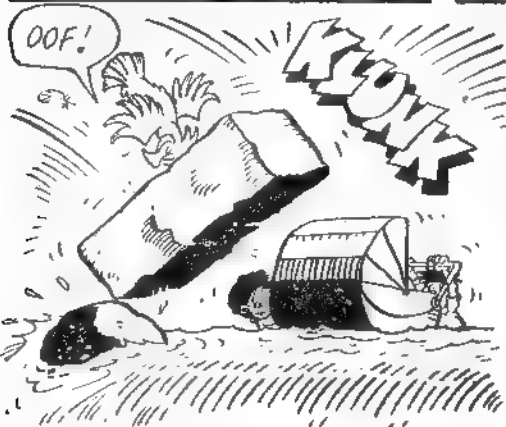
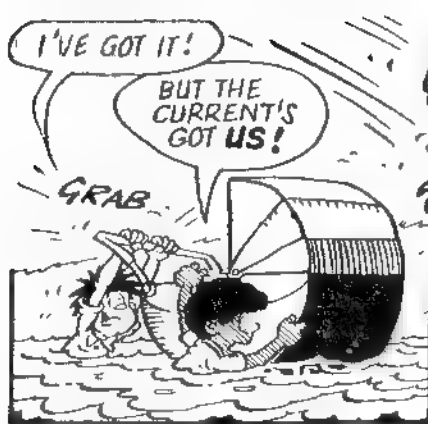
CLEVER DICK

THE DAFT INVENTOR (AND NAPOLEON DOG)



Happy Birthday Issue to all BUSTER readers from the S.O.S. squad





BUSTER'S BONUS JOKE-BOX

MY THREE FAVOURITE STORIES
IN BUSTER ARE:

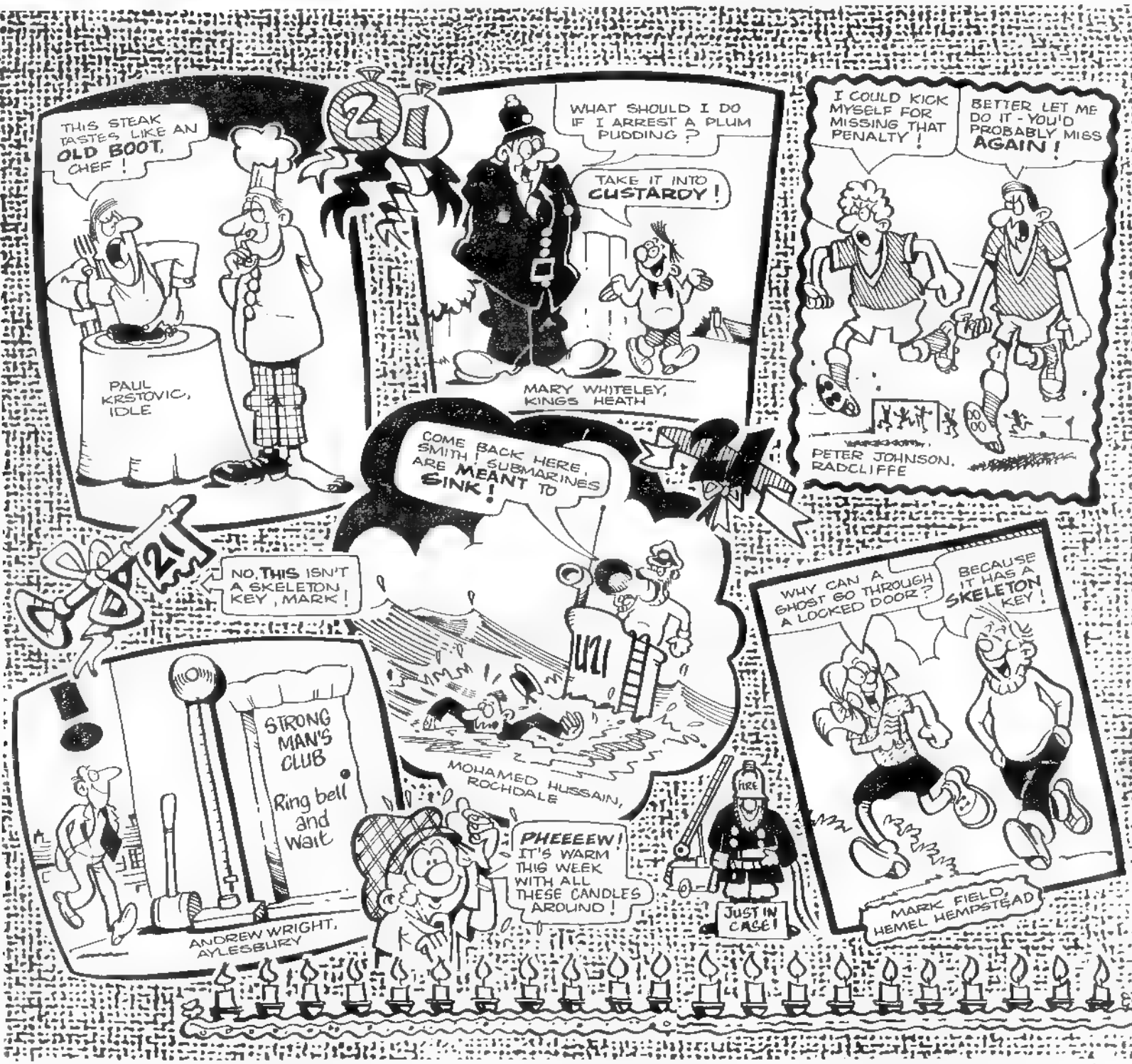
BUSTER T-SHIRT. TICK YOUR SIZE:

SMALL ☐

MEDIUM ☐

WRITE your joke clearly on a postcard with your full name and address, then fill in the coupon on the left, stating which size T-shirt you would like, and paste it on the postcard. Post to "BUSTER'S JOKE BOX", Room 2010, King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London, SE1 9LS. Readers whose jokes are selected for publication will each receive £1 plus a BUSTER T-shirt. When similar jokes are received, the first one to be judged will be awarded the prize. NOTE: This offer is open to readers in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Channel Islands only.

PLEASE FILL IN THIS COUPON IN INK
AND PASTE IT TO YOUR POSTCARD.



Here is the first part of your miniature 16-page First Issue of BUSTER Comic. Cut along the dotted lines down the whole length of the page, then fold back so that the cover is at the front. Three more parts follow in the next three issues, all fitting neatly inside. To be sure of them, fill in the Order Form under 'Master Mind!'

BAM.
SPLAT
AND
BLOOIE



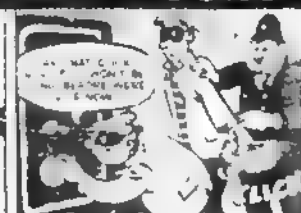
MORE FUN AND GAMES WITH BAM, SPLAT AND BLOOIE NEXT WEEK!

MAKE BUSTER LAUGH AND WIN A POUND

Write your name and address on a postcard (if it's your own name and address in full) and send the card to:
BUSTER,
FLEETWAY HOUSE
PARADEON ST.,
LONDON E.C.4.

It will be awarded for each joke published!
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My favourite feature in BUSTER is



AS SOON AS I CAN, I'LL PRINT LOTS MORE JOKES EVERY WEEK!

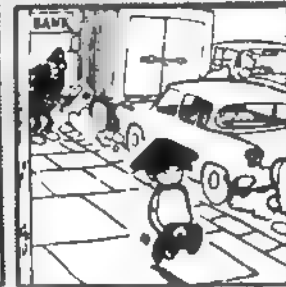
ZOOMER-JET
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FREE in No 1 OF A SMASHING NEW PAPER

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EVERY MONDAY
25th MAY, 1975

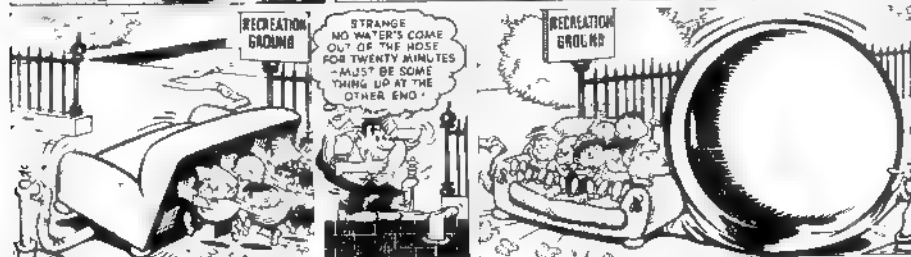
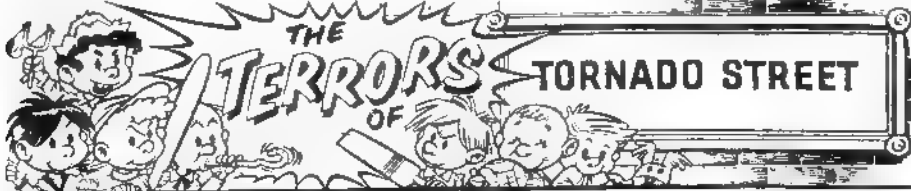


**BUSTER'S
BALLOON
BLEEPER
INSIDE!**



FOLD BACK HERE

BUSTER SAYS: "MY TEACHER THOUGHT THAT I WAS THE WORST BOY IN THE TOWN UNTIL I INTRODUCED HIM TO-



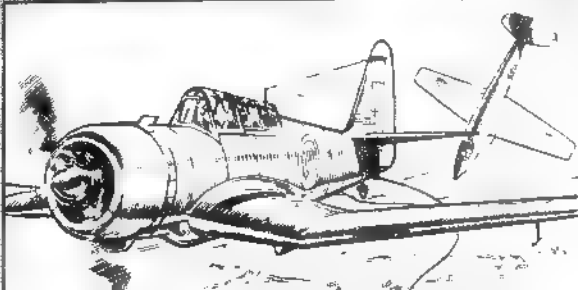
It whistled through the air like a bomb—the story of the wingless wonder!

BY A HAIR'S BREADTH

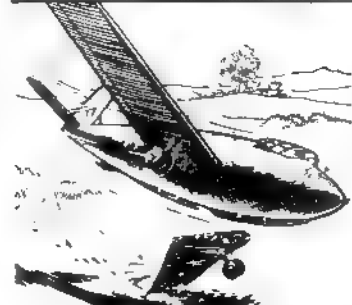
A New Series of Amazing Escape Stories!



The year was 1901 and war was unleashed in all its fury. Bombed blockaded and beleaguered, Britain defended herself grimly knowing that when the pendulum swung it would be her turn to attack. An airborne division was formed as a spearhead for future attacks and a mock-up parachute was tried hard for her role as shock troops. But a full-fledged division could not be dropped from the skies by means of parachutes alone. And so a new form of air transport was devised—the troop-carrying glider.



Britain's new military glider pilots were soon practising the hair-raising spin-out of the dive approach. The secret was to ensure the glider would cast off from a tug plane some way from its objective, build up speed in an almost vertical dive, make a 90 degree turn close to the ground and hedge-hop across the fields toward the enemy, ending amongst them right out of the blue.



Attempting his manoeuvre one day, a young Jack Le Grand delayed his turn in too long. As he screamed into his assembly-banked form he was piloting his glider struck the ground and a whole of his port wing broke away.



Driven on by the momentum it had built up during the dive, the wingless fuselage whistled through the air missing roads and hedges by a few feet when the pilot sat helpless, his hands clasping the now useless control column.



The unbalanced glider rolled crazily as its starboard wing now dipped groundwards, pulled down by its own weight. This wing struck the trunk of a tree and the impact caused a snap-off close to the fuselage.



As its speed slackened the fuselage settled to the ground and bumped and bounced across a rough pasture leaving a trail of shattered wood behind. As he undressed the fuselage disintegrated and the pilot walked away unharmed save for a few minor bruises.

NEXT WEEK The laden lorry that hurtled out of control down Macclesfield Hill!

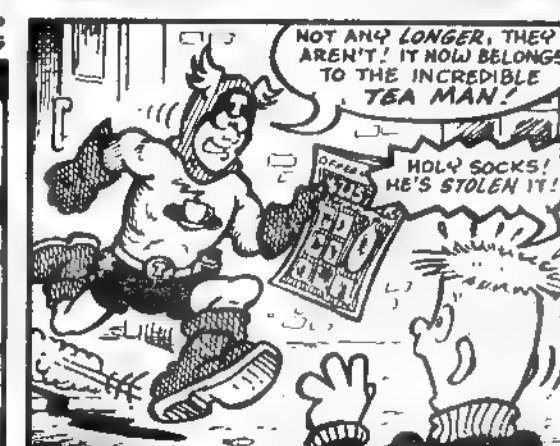
Birthday greetings from a super hero (and his dog) to a super comic!



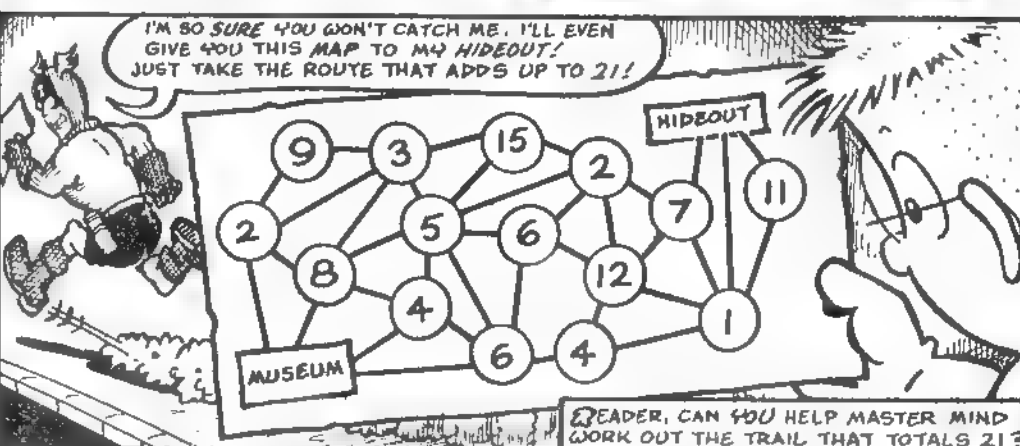
MASTER MIND'S DOG, BONES, HAS JUST WOKEN UP ~ ~



MEANWHILE, ALF WITT (WHO CAN SECRETLY CHANGE INTO MASTER MIND) IS VISITING THE LOCAL MUSEUM ~ ~

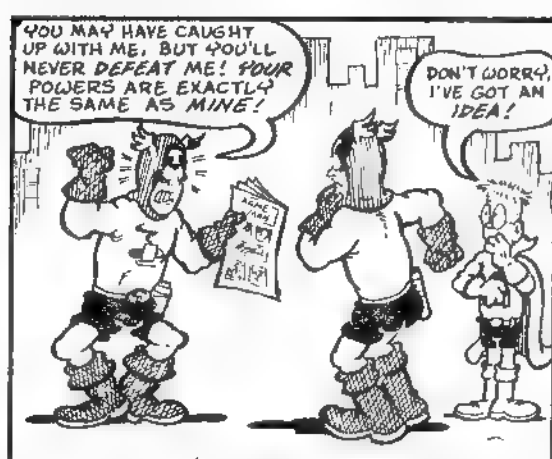


ALF SPEAKS THE MAGIC WORD THAT TRANSFORMS HIM INTO THE WORLD'S BRAINIEST SUPER-HERO ~ ~ ~



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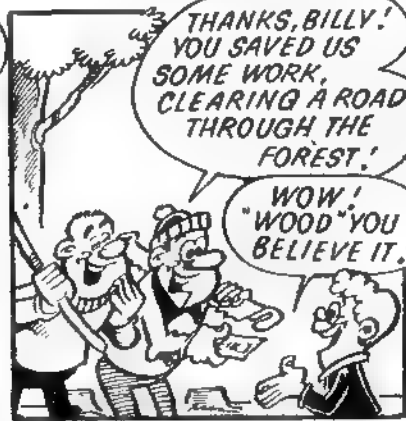
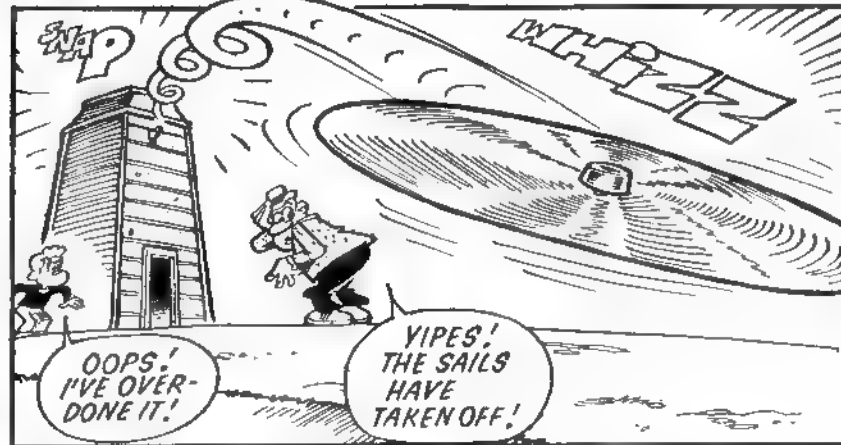
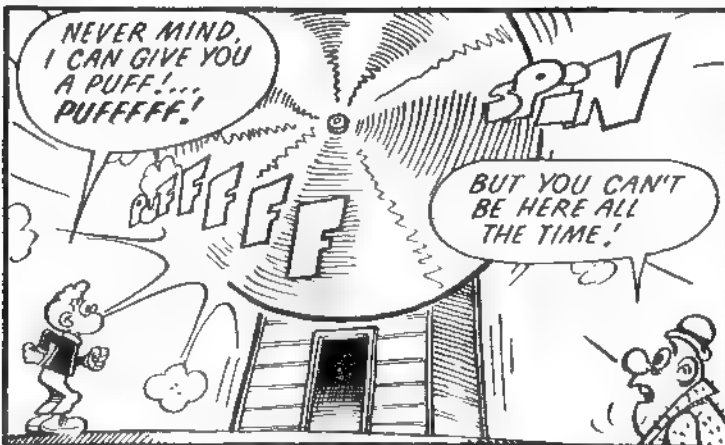
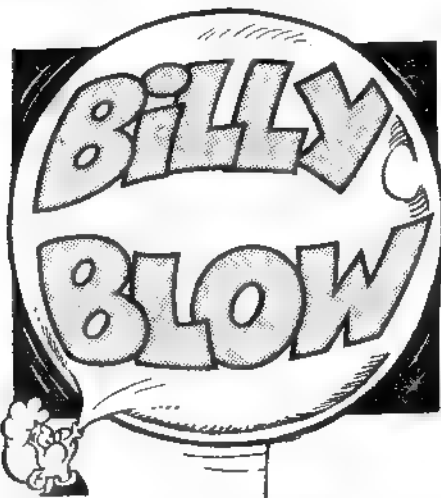
What country has MAGYAR on its stamps?

What country has NORGE on its stamps?

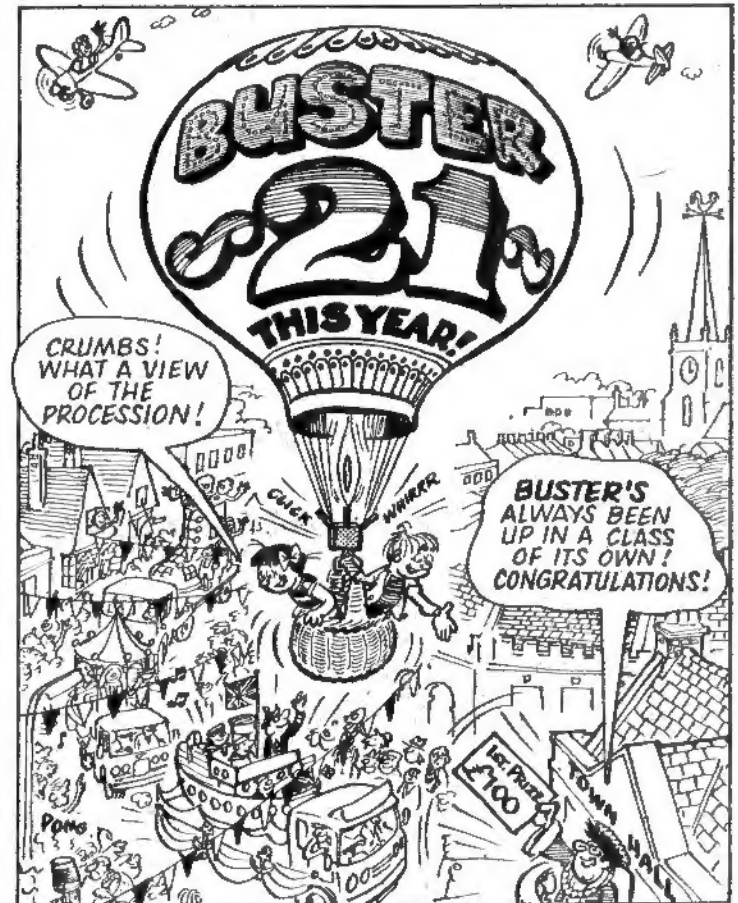
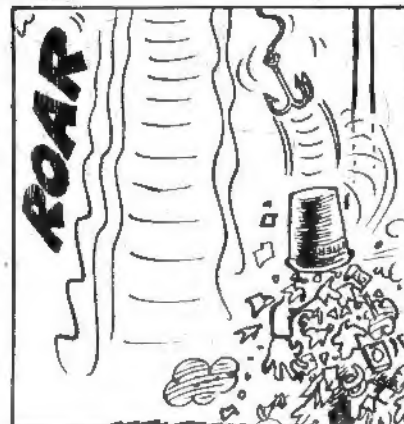
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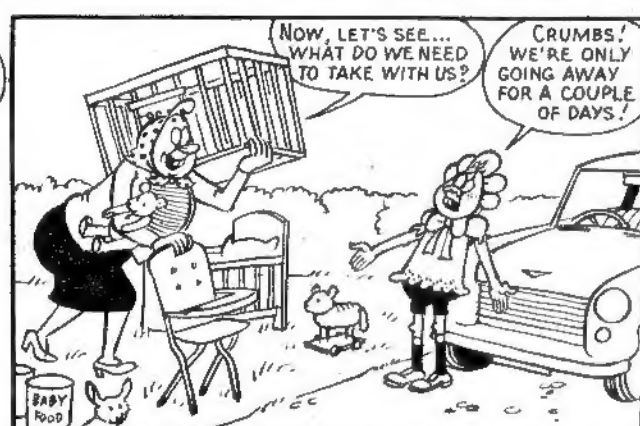
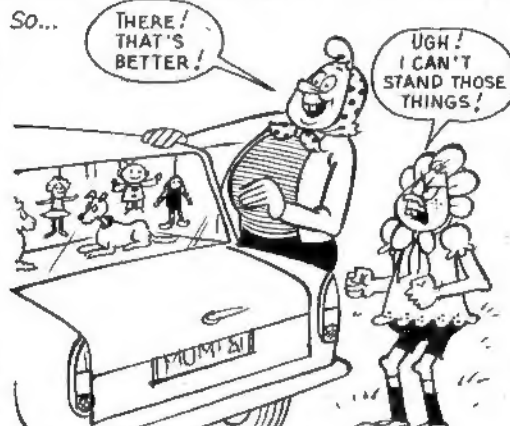
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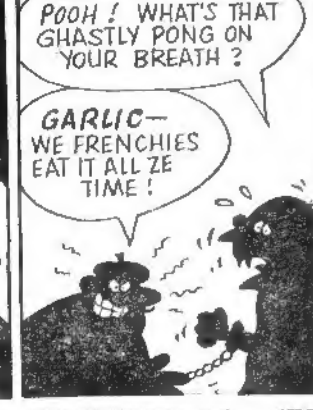
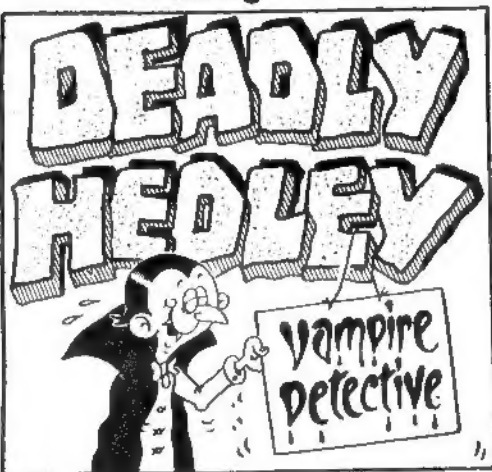
"Wish I was 21," says Mummy's Boy



MUMMY'S BOY

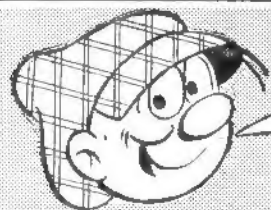
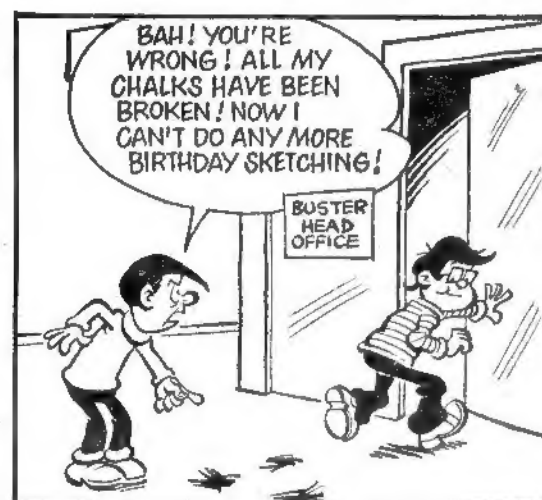
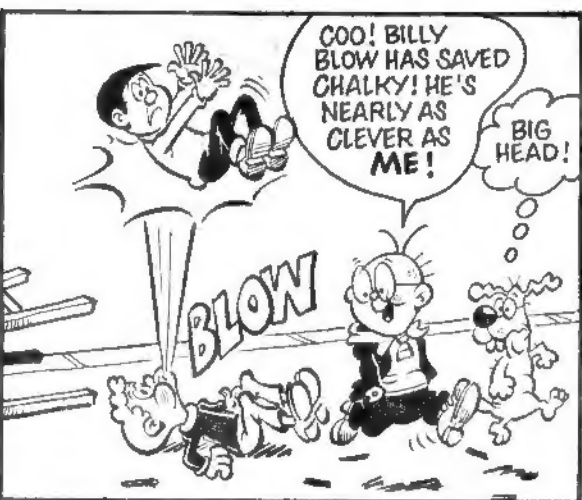
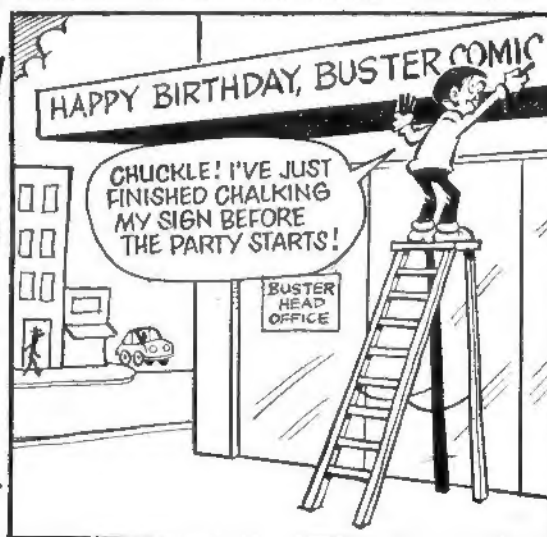


A message from our vampire detective: 'Fangs' for 21 years of 'Batty' fun!



"Buster's Birthday Issue was bound to be a 'draw', "says Chalky

CHALKY



THAT'S IT, PALS! HOPE YOU ENJOYED OUR BIRTHDAY ISSUE... BUT DON'T FORGET THE FUN CARRIES ON, BECAUSE IT'S STILL BUSTER'S BIG YEAR... WITH FUN AND SURPRISES IN FUTURE ISSUES! 'BYE FOR NOW.
P.S. A new 'Barry and Boing' adventure begins NEXT WEEK. Buster